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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7/24/2008
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) 4-6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1.7.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____ ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☒ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 ☐ Other _____

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Applicant's election with traverse of Group I in Paper No. 6 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the groups are related and additional applications are expensive. This is not found persuasive because the relationship has been considered in the requirement and applicant is a large corporation who would not be burdened by the filing fee. The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL. Claims 4-6 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, 'derivatives' is unclear as to what derivatives are meant, and appears to contradict the recitation of the 'basic structure'. Moreover, starch, polysaccharides and cellulose are polymers but the formula recites a monomer. It is not clear exactly what is meant.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

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Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Liu et al.

Liu teaches in column 5 graphite as an electrode in a lithium cell. The claims read upon graphite since 'for ... cell' is merely an intended use and does not actually limit the product. Similarly, 'capable of' and 'absorbs' are merely recitations of inherent properties of graphite and thus do not distinguish from graphite. Note also the teaching of polymer-on-graphite. The examiner takes Official Notice that the polymers of Liu are water-soluble. Example 2 teaches sodium and column 3 indicates the presence of Li in the graphite during use, the claimed amount being expected to occur.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by the abstract of JP 09147916.

The abstract teaches Lithium in cellulose-coated graphite. Note the search report indicates it is relevant to claims 1-3.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by the abstract of JP 9249407.

The abstract teaches Li intercalated in graphite, which is all that is claimed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to examiner Hendrickson at telephone number (703) 308-2539.



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examiner Art Unit 1754